

EXCURSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th & 9th, 1895.

THE annual meeting and first two days' excursion of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archæological Society for 1895, was held on Thursday and Friday, August 8th and 9th. It had been arranged that the members and their friends should meet at Carlisle for the purpose of visiting the remains of the Roman Wall in Cumberland, and the principal papers laid before the members bore specially upon that subject. Fortunately the weather on the first day was everything that could be wished, and the gathering of members and their friends was the largest that has been seen of recent years. Amongst those present were the President, Chancellor Ferguson, and Miss Ferguson; the Rev. Dr. Magrath, Provost of Queen's College and Vice-Chancellor of Oxford; Sir James Ramsay, Bart., Banff; Professor Pelham, F.S.A., Oxford; the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness, Mrs. Ware, and party; the Misses Henderson, the Deanery; Sir Wilfred, Lady Lawson, and party, Brayton; Mrs. Prescott, the Abbey, Carlisle; Mr. Haverfield, F.S.A., Oxford; the Rev. H. Whitehead, Lanercost; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hodgson, Newby Grange; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Collingwood, Coniston; Mr. and the Misses Ferguson, Cardew Lodge; Mrs. and Miss Carrick, Oakbank; the Rev. Adam Wright, Gilsland; Dr. W. H. R. Kerry and Mrs. Kerry, Windermere; Mr. McInnes and party, Rickerby; Rev. W. B. Grenside, Melling Vicarage; Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Newby Bridge House; Miss Gough, Mealsgate; the Rev. T. O. Sturkey, Kirkandrews-on-Eden; Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Sedbergh; the Rev. S. R. G. Green and Miss Green, Croglin Rectory; the Rev. A. J. Loftie, Great Salkeld Rectory; Captain and Mrs. Broadhurst, Houghton House, Carlisle; Mr. and Mrs. Podmore, Grange-over-Sands; Mr. J. Simpson, Cockermouth; Miss Ullock, Windermere; Mr. W. S. M. Townley, Grange-over-Sands; the Rev. D. Harrison, Cockermouth; the Misses Noble, Beckfoot, Penrith; Mr. and Mrs. Amos Beardsley, Grange-over-Sands; the Rev. Cecil V. Goddard, Dorset; Mr. Joseph Cartmell, Brigham; Mrs. and the Misses Robinson, Green Lane; Dr. John Peile, Master of Christ's College, Cambridge; Dr. Mason, Windermere;

mere; Mr. E. T. Tyson, Maryport; Mr. G. Watson, Penrith; Mr. R. Bateman, Tullie House; Miss Johnson and party, The Beeches; Mr. J. H. Nicholson, M.A., Wilmslow; the Rev. R. Bower, M.A., Carlisle; Mr. and Miss Johnston, Preston; Mrs. Hartley, Holmgarth, Morecambe; Mr. J. Little, Maryport; Dr. J. Macdonald, Dumfries; Mr. J. Simpson Yeates, Penrith; Mr. A. B. Clark, Aspatria; Colonel Sewell, Brandlingill; Mr. W. I. R. Crowder, Stanwix; the Rev. W. S. Calverley, F.S.A., Aspatria; Miss H. M. Donald and Miss Macmichael, Stanwix; the Rev. John Baker, Burgh; Mr. D. Butt, Carlisle; and Mr. T. Wilson, hon. sec., Aynam Lodge, Kendal,

The party met at the Citadel Station, Carlisle, and proceeded by the 12-15 p.m. train to Gilsland, where the remains near the station were examined under the guidance of the President and the Rev. A. Wright, after which carriages were taken for the camp at Birdoswald, which was described by the President; and Mr. F. Haverfield, F.S.A., explained the inscribed and sculptured stones preserved there. Appletree was next visited, and there the President called attention to the puzzling fourth or extra *agger*, which is seen there in front of the *Vallum*, and described the proposed excavations, then about to be commenced. The party next drove to Lanercost Priory, which was reached shortly after four o'clock. They had tea in the Dacre Hall, after which Professor Pelham, F.S.A., read a paper on "The Roman Frontier System," which will be printed in these *Transactions*. He was followed by Sir James Ramsay with a paper entitled "Who built the Roman Wall," in which he advocated the claims of Severus.

On the proposal of Mr. MacInnes, Professor Pelham and Sir James Ramsay received the thanks of the meeting for their papers. A portion of the party then visited the priory church, which was described by Mr. C. J. Ferguson, F.S.A.; while others inspected an early burial place on Lanercost Green, which had been discovered that day by the Rev. W. S. Calverley, F.S.A. The party then re-entered the carriages and drove to Brampton Station, where the train was taken for Carlisle, which was reached at 7-30.

Dinner was at the Central Hotel. About sixty ladies and gentlemen sat down.

After dinner the annual meeting was held; the President, Chancellor Ferguson, in the chair. All the officers were re-appointed. The following new members were elected:—Archdeacon Phillips, Barrow-in-Furness; Mrs. Hesketh Hodgson, Newby Grange; Mr. W. King, Portinscale; Mr. J. Simpson, Cockermouth; and Mr. Podmore, Grange-over-Sands. Mr. Goddard exhibited a small horse shoe

shoe found at Mayborough, near Penrith, and also some small pieces of slag found in the same neighbourhood, probably the refuse of some bloomery that may have at one time existed in that neighbourhood. The President exhibited a gold ring, and some gold coins found in Carlisle. The following papers were laid before the Society and some of them read.

- Report of Congress of Archæological Societies in London. THE PRESIDENT.
 Proposed Ethnographical Survey. H. BARNES, M.D.
 The Earliest Register of the Parish of Thursby. THE REV. J. WILSON.
 The Parish Registers of Brampton Deanery. THE REV. H. WHITEHEAD.
 Norman Remains at Carlisle Cathedral. C. J. FERGUSON, F.S.A.
 Sepulchral Slab from Croglin. REV. R. S. G. GREEN.
 Beacons in Cumberland and Westmorland. THE PRESIDENT.
 Beacons in North Lancashire. H. S. COWPER, F.S.A.
 More Notes on Winder of Lorton. F. A. WINDER.
 The Crosbie Family of Westmorland. F. B. GARNETT, C.B.
 The Postlethwaites of Pennsylvania. W. M. POSTLETHWAITE, D.D., Professor
 of History at West Point, New York.

There was not quite so large an attendance of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archæological Society on Friday, the 9th, nor was the weather so favourable as on Thursday. The party, headed by Chancellor Ferguson, went to Brampton by the 10-10 a.m. train, the carriages being in waiting at Brampton Station on the arrival of the train. The object in view was to resume inspection of the Roman Wall and the Vallum at Lanercost, where Thursday's tour had terminated, and to continue the journey along the wall to Carlisle. Between Lanercost and Carlisle, however, both Wall and Vallum run through enclosed and cultivated country to a great extent, so that it was not possible, with carriages, to follow the line so closely as had been the case between Gilsland and Lanercost. Driving past Lanercost Abbey the Wall was seen near Garthside, and again, further on, the road crossed it at Holly Bank. The Wall was on the north side of the road as far as Dovecote Bridge, and up the hill to Walton, while the Vallum was on the south side. From Walton, where Mr. F. P. Johnson met the party, most of them walked by way of Sandysike to Castlesteads Camp, Mr. Johnson explaining the various points *en route*. Coming to the river Cambeck, where the Wall crosses the river at the dam, one of the prettiest pieces of scenery in the district was admired by all. Though a pelting shower fell at this time nothing could restrain the more enthusiastic members of the party from crossing the river by the stepping stones and examining the further course of the Wall, on the site of which many farmhouses, built of its stones, stand. The
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various contingents of antiquaries wended their way afterwards to Castlesteads, where Mr. Johnson cordially received the dripping party. After an hour's halt, during which waterproofs and garments had been dried, a start was made, amid cheers for Mr. Johnson, for Irthington, where the Church and the Anglo-Saxon mound were examined, under guidance of the President.

Speaking at the base of the mound, Chancellor Ferguson said it was a singular place, not Roman, but Anglo-Saxon. The Anglo-Saxons came here before the Danes, and settled in the best parts of the country. They could be recognised by the termination "ton" or town—Irthington, Distington, Workington, and so on, there being about fifteen in all. The Danes came later, their settlements are known by the termination "by"—Tarraby, Rickerby, Botcherby. The English, Danish, and Norsemen were in the habit of throwing up big mounds like this one. Archdeacon Cooper had one in his garden at Kendal, Bishop Ware had one at Kirkby Lonsdale, and there was a large one at Addingham. On the top the Thane erected his house, while below he kept his cattle. The place would be fenced against wolves and against the Celtic and Irish inhabitants of the district; and when he retired for the night he would shut up his stockade, pull up his drawbridge, and protect himself against his slaves.

The Roman road at Buckjumping was next passed, the party then driving to Old Wall and on to Bleatarn, where some excavations are being made, an account of which will appear in this volume.

At the gateway leading out of the field at Bleatarn the Bishop's or Baron's Dyke, dividing the Barony of Gilsland from the Bishop's Manors, was described and pointed out by Mr. T. H. Hodgson. The party then drove along the Wall by White Moss to Walby. Flags in Brunstock Park denoted the positions of excavations made last year. The road crosses the Vallum near the end of Brunstock Lane and again at the Boot, while Drawdykes Castle is on the Vallum. Passing these points Stanwix was reached, and in Mr. Crowder's garden the party inspected a portion of the foundations of the Wall which have been unearthed and railed round. Proceeding through Mr. Dove's garden, Chancellor Ferguson explained the course of the Wall down to the Eden and over the holmes to the Bone Mill, and he also gave a description of the course of the Vallum which descends to the river close to the Eden north end Bridge. At this place the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chancellor for the skilful manner in which he had conducted the party throughout. Time prevented the journey being continued to the end of the Wall at Bowness, and Carlisle was reached about half-past five in the afternoon.

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MONDAY AND TUESDAY, SEPT. 23rd & 24th, 1895.

The second excursion of the Cumberland and Westmorland Archæological Society was held in the Low Furness district. The interesting programme and the splendid weather induced a very large number of members to attend, and on this the committee for local arrangements, which consisted of the President, Mr. John Fell, Mr. H. S. Cowper, F.S.A., and Mr. W. G. Collingwood, M.A., may be congratulated. The first day the Society were fortunate in having Mr. St. John Hope, the secretary of the Society of Antiquaries, one of the foremost living authorities on Cistercian Abbeys, to explain the various parts of the abbey of Furness, and much new light was thrown on the uses and history of the various buildings. For the second day an extensive driving tour was arranged. The following members and their friends attended:—The Worshipful Chancellor Ferguson, President; Lady Evelyn Cavendish and Miss Lascelles, Holker Hall; Dr. Barber; Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison, Newby Bridge; Mr. J. W. Fawcett, Broughton House; Mr. W. L. Fletcher, Workington; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Collingwood, Coniston; Mr. T. Horrocks and party, Eden Brows; Rev. R. B. Billinge, Urswick; Mr. F. B. Garnett, C.B., and Mr. F. Garnett, jun., London; Rev. and Mrs. L. Garnett, Chiselton; Mr. and Mrs. J. Wrigley, Seascale; Dr. Sinclair, Barrow; Mr. W. H. Crewdson, Kendal; Mr. and Mrs. John Fell, Ulverston; Mr. and Mrs. J. Swainson, Kendal; Rev. J. M. Morgan, Dalton; Miss Holt, Coniston; Mr. C. B. Daniell, Ulverston; Miss Gibson, Whelprigg; Miss Tunstall, Casterton Grange; Mr. J. Cartmell, C.E., Brigham; Mr. T. S. Ritson, Maryport; Rev. R. S. G. Green and Miss Green, Croglin; Mr. Eirikr Magnusson, M.A.; Mr. W. H. R. Kerry, Windermere; Mr. H. Gaythorpe, Barrow; Dr. and Mrs. Beardsley, Grange; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Beardsley, Grange; Mr. Podmore, Grange; Mr. W. G. M. Townley, Grange; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Curwen, Kendal; Mr. W. O. Roper, Lancaster; Mr. H. S. Cowper, F.S.A., Yewfield Castle, Hawkshead; Venerable Archdeacon and Miss Phillips, Barrow-in-Furness; Rev. Canon Hayman, Aldingham; Mr. Brown, Barrow; Mr. W. H. Hills, Ambleside; Dr. Little, Maryport; Mrs. Hartley, Morecambe; Miss F. M. Johnson, Morecambe; Mr. G. Watson, Penrith; Miss H. M. Donald, Stanwix; Mr. T. Wilson and Miss Wilson, Kendal; Mr. and Mrs. Perowne; Mr. T. A. Argles, Milnthorpe; Capt. and Mrs. Hunt, Urswick; Mr. J. H. and Miss Nicholson, Wilmslow; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoggarth, Upton Bishop; Mr. R. Blair, F.S.A., South Shields; Rev. L. R. Ayre, Ulverston; Rev. W. Harrison, Barbon; Mr. R. J. Whitwell, Kendal; Messrs E. and A. Wadham; Mr. Stables; Mr. Hawcridge; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gandy, Heaves, and others. The proceedings

proceedings began at two o'clock on Monday, at which hour Mr. Hope took a position near the so-called Abbot's Chapel, and commenced his description of the buildings. His next station was at the great gatehouse, whence he proceeded in order to the church, the cloister, the chapter house, the fraters, kitchens, and other buildings round the cloister, the Abbot's lodgings, and the firmary or residence of the old and infirm monks. Mr. Hope explained in his usual lucid manner the uses of the various parts of the great building, and the excavations which had been made by the Society under his superintendence in anticipation of the meeting: he also earnestly advocated further excavations. He concluded his remarks in the extremely beautiful chapel of the firmary, which some would not believe was such, but for absolute proof he pointed out the credence table with a piscina on each side. In the chapel was shown a huge earthen crook—found in the recent excavations in the presbytery and containing human remains,—also the effigies of a pair of knights, probably local work, and unique in the disposition of the body and in the cylindrical helmet. Another figure was that of a Cistercian deacon, clad in the alb with girdle, and wearing the stole crosswise, and a book in the right hand. This was absolutely unique. In a box were two figures, a knight of the 14th century in full armour, and his lady. Mr. Hope's allocation of some of the buildings differs considerably from that given in the existing guide books, but will, when published, probably have the support of all experts in the "Cistercian Rule." On the conclusion of Mr. Hope's address, which was listened for over two hours by a delighted audience, Chancellor Ferguson observed that at some future time the Society would like to excavate more fully, and he was sure Mr. Hope would then be able to give them much more valuable information. The cost of additional excavations would be about £200, and the Council of the Society would be prepared to assist with £50, he would give £5, and Mr. Victor Cavendish, M.P., would be willing to assist, and perhaps the necessary funds would be obtainable before next spring. On behalf of the Society he begged to thank Mr. Hope for his address, and for all the trouble he had taken.

After tea at the hotel the party were conveyed by special train to Piel Pier, and thence by a number of yachts across to the island to view the castle. Mr. St. John Hope again proved a learned cicerone to the party.

PIEL CASTLE OR PILE OF FOULDRY.

The Pile of Fouldry he said, had perished to a great extent by the washing of the sea, but it was, no doubt, an Edwardian castle of the concentric type. It had a curtain wall of which parts are still existing, then an inner court with the
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remains of a chapel. The entrance must have been on the part which has been swept away by the sea, but the inner entrance to the second court was put at the opposite side. This latter entrance was defended by a drawbridge worked on a pivot and falling on the stone pier opposite, and also by a portcullis. The castle agreed in all respects with its date, 1327, as given by Camden, and was of one date. Passing the barbican the keep was divided longitudinally into three parts, a cellar, a first floor with unusually large windows, which quite destroyed the strength of the place once an invader had got past the portcullis, and a second floor. On the first floor was a fine 14th century fireplace. The floors were of wood. Curiously the cellars had no entrance except from the second floor. There were no signs of great comfort; in fact, said Mr. Hope, it was one of the most barracky castles he had ever seen. On the other side, nearest the sea, a similar set of rooms has been almost washed away. In the middle was a long narrow room, probably for stores.

The annual dinner took place in the evening, the Worshipful Chancellor Ferguson presiding. After dinner the following new members were elected, viz.: Mr. Victor Cavendish, M.P., Holker Hall, Cartmel; Mrs. Woodburne, Thurstonville, Greenodd, Ulverston; Mr. Harper Gaythorpe, 12, Harrison Street, Barrow-in-Furness; Mr. T. S. Ritson, Ridgemount, Maryport; Mr. Theobald Fitzwalter Butler, Infield, Barrow; Mr. George Patrickson, Scales, Ulverston; Mr. Charles Walter Dean, Beech Bank, Ulverston; Mr. George Suart, Station Road, Workington; Mr. Batie Towers, Peter Street, Workington; Mr. Arthur Hawcridge, Superintendent of Schools, Barrow; Mr. Edward S. M. Perowne, 50, Cambridge Gardens, North Kensington, W.; Miss E. G. Holt, Sudley, Mossley Hill, Liverpool; Mr. E. Wadham, Millwood, Barrow; Mr. F. J. Ramsden, Abbotswood, Barrow; Mr. Henry Clough, Stanwix, Carlisle; and Mr. Ferdinand Hudleston, Hutton John, Penrith.

A letter from Mr. R. Blair, F.S.A., one of the secretaries of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries, asking for the co-operation of this Society in a pilgrimage along the Roman Wall in 1896, was read and referred to the following committee:—The President; Mr. T. H. Hodgson, Newby Grange; and the Rev. A. Wright, with power to add to their number.

Reports on excavations at Bleatarn, Appletree, and Lanercost were submitted, and Mr. W. G. Collingwood, M.A., proceeded to read an interesting paper, entitled "MS. (XVII Century) Epistles of Early Friends." The next two items on the agenda were papers by Dr. Haswell. Unfortunately Dr. Haswell was unable to be present, and one of his papers on "The Heraldry in Hornby Hall" was read by Mr. T. Wilson, Hon. Sec. The other papers were taken as read, and the proceedings terminated.

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The attendance on the second day of the meeting was not quite so large, and owing to the excessive heat a portion of the programme was omitted. Stainton Old Hall was first visited and the many curiosities there carefully inspected, as was also the cockpit on the common. At Hawkfield, where a halt was made, a fine font is—sad to say—doing duty as a flower vase, while some fragments of window tracery are built up into a very queer composition, which pretends to be a church window. Urswick Stone Walls and Pennington Castlehill were visited and described by Mr. H. S. Cowper, F.S.A. Lunch came off at Dalton, after which the Church and Castle were visited, and a brief glance was given at St. Helen's Church *en route* to the Abbey, where the meeting terminated.